

DOUG JONES

SENATOR *for* ALABAMA

Letter of Recommendation for Academy Nomination

Dear Recommender,

One of my duties as United States Senator is nominating outstanding young Alabamians to our nation's military service academies. I cherish this opportunity to meet with some of our states' best and brightest high schools students, or recent graduates, who want to dedicate their talents and leadership in service to our country.

Those selected to attend a United States service academy receive an unparalleled college education with tuition, room and board, and expenses fully paid. Upon graduation, they will receive their commission as an officer in the United States Armed Forces.

To be considered for an appointment to one of these academies, applicants must first receive a nomination from their member of Congress.

There are four service academies that require a nomination:

United States Military Academy at West Point, NY

United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD

United States Air Force and Space Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO

United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY

The process to receive a nomination is a competitive one, with students across Alabama applying for a limited number each year. This is why your letter of recommendation is so important. Your letter carries great weight in the selection process because you have taught and guided applicants, and watched them grow during their high school years.

When drafting your letter of recommendation, I would ask you to consider addressing the following traits that you have observed in this applicant:

1. **Ability to work under pressure**
2. **Ability to work well with others**
3. **Communication skills**
4. **Leadership potential**
5. **Motivation**
6. **Organizational skills**
7. **Responsibility**

I am looking for students who have excelled academically and physically--and who exhibit exceptional character and leadership.

Please submit your letter as a PDF to my office via the system-generated link sent to you by the candidate. **The deadline is Thursday, October 1, 2020.** If you have any questions, contact my Service Academy Coordinators at 205-895-4186, or 256-580-0979, or email my staff at Academy_Nominations@Jones.Senate.gov.

Thank you for all that you do,

U.S. Senator Doug Jones